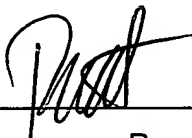




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action bearing a mailing date of May 8, 2002, hereinafter "the Office Action", Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action. A petition for extension of time for two (2) months is enclosed that makes the present response due on or before October 8, 2002.

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